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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Action dated August 29, 2006. The period for a response has been extended to December 29, 2006, by the concurrent filing herewith of a request for a one-month extension of time, together with payment of the applicable fee.

The Applicants request for the continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and submit payment of the applicable fee herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0476.